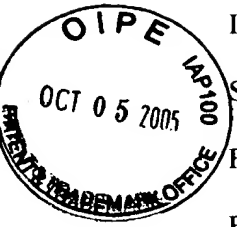


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**RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified
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